Volunteer Mentor Application Form

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| Forenames: |  |
| Surname: |  |
| Address:  |  |
| Postcode: |  |
| Home Telephone:   |  |
| Mobile: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Best way to contact you: |  |
| How did you hear about this role? |  |
| Do you have a child/relative that attends one of the services we deliver? | Yes / No |
| Have you ever had an offer to work with children or young people declined? | Yes / No |
| Have you ever had any cautions, bind-overs or been convicted of any criminal offences, (excluding speeding), which are not yet spent under the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974?  | Yes / NoIf yes, please give details on a separate sheet and attach it to this form in a sealed envelope marked ‘confidential disclosure’. As you are applying for a position which involves working with children ALL convictions/cautions must be declared (regardless of whether deemed as spent) |

**Any volunteer roles will be subject to an approved Enhanced DBS and Barring Disclosure.**

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**Understanding the Volunteer Mentor role**

**Eikon Volunteer Overview**

The Eikon Charity supports children and young people to overcome challenges, increase their resilience and develop into confident adults who contribute positively to their communities. Wherever a young person is on that journey and whether they’re feeling good about life or are really struggling, we’re there for them. We believe in their potential.

We work with young people directly in schools and communities across Surrey and beyond, one-to-one, in groups and clubs – and with and through partners, supporting them to deliver services that improve young people’s physical and emotional wellbeing and mental health. We work in partnership with schools, communities, health & social care and other organisations, because we believe that working together works.

Mentoring is a simple but effective way for an individual to provide support to a young person who may be going through a challenging time or struggling to make important decisions. Eikon Mentors offer support on a weekly basis to form positive 1:1 relationships with young people aged 11-18, who are experiencing difficulties in their lives and want to make a change. The mentoring programme equips young people to improve their resilience and prevents low level emotional mental health challenges from escalating.

**Key Responsibilities**

* Developing positive one-to-one relationships with young people who may be experiencing difficulties in their lives and/or want to make a change in their lives.
* Listening to and supporting young people, showing empathy and understanding, whilst remaining non-judgmental and caring.
* Engaging with young people to motivate, inspire, encourage potential and set goals.
* Respecting the confidentiality of young people whilst establishing and maintaining appropriate boundaries
* Keeping accurate records of mentoring sessions using Eikon’s database system
* Reporting any safeguarding or welfare concerns that arise
* To work within Eikon’s internal policies, safeguarding and data protection regulations
* Offering at least 2 hours per week time commitment, in school, term time only

**What skills do I need?**

* An understanding of current issues relating to young people
* Able to communicate and listen to young people who may be facing challenging times with low level mental health presentations effectively
* Being passionate about making a difference in the lives of young people
* Empathy and Patience
* Reliable, Punctual and Committed
* IT Literacy

**Application Questions**

In line with our Safer Recruitment Policy, we cannot accept CVs, or any other additional information provided outside of the application form.



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| **Why would you like to become an Eikon Volunteer?** |

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| **Have you any skills or personal experiences which may be relevant to your work as a volunteer for Eikon?** |
| **Is there any other information you would like to add?****(please use the blank sheet at the end of the application if extra space is required)**  |
| **Which school are you able to provide mentoring support within (Please circle / highlight as appropriate)?****Fullbrook School - Runnymede****Kings College- Guildford****Farnham Heath End School - Farnham** **Weydon School- Farnham****Woolmer Hill School- Haslemere** |

**Current availability**

Please indicate when you’re available:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| AM |  |  |  |  |  |
| PM |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evening |  |  |  |  |  |

**References**

We need to take up 2 references for anyone applying for this role.

Please give the names and contact details for 2 people (not related to you) who know you well (at least 2 years) and would be happy to answer a few questions about you. Please include at least one professional reference (previous employer where possible; alternatively, school, college or other professional) who may be contacted by Eikon

It will be much quicker and more convenient for your referee if you give their email address. We'll only use it to take up a reference.

Reference 1:

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| Name:Email Address:Telephone:In what capacity does this person know you? |

Reference 2:

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| Name:Email Address:Telephone:In what capacity does this person know you? |

**Declaration**

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, I consent to the information contained in this form and any information received by or on behalf of Eikon relating to the subject matter of this form, being processed by them in administering the recruitment process.

I declare that all information I have given on this form is complete and accurate and that I am not banned or disqualified from working with children and/or vulnerable adults nor subject to any sanctions or conditions on my employment imposed by The Independent Safeguarding Authority, the Secretary of State or a regulatory body.

I understand that to knowingly give false information, or to omit any relevant information, could result in the withdrawal of any offer of appointment, or my dismissal at any time in the future, and possible criminal prosecution.

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**An offer to engage with the role of volunteer will be subject to an approved Enhanced DBS and Barring Disclosure.**

Signed: Date:

Print Name:

An electronic signature is deemed to be a signed document when emailed.

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